

Good Morning, Corey,

I hope you are well and looking forward to a crush of activity over the next couple of months! I am anxious to get back up to the Hill in person –it would be so nice to see people face to face.

I wanted to reach out to you regarding two hearings on Africa tomorrow—on sanctions and on innovative African ideas. As you remember, I represent the Foreign Ministry of Zimbabwe. We have discussed the unintended consequences of broad sanctions previously. I am sure you already are aware, but just in case, wanted to bring the piece by Michael Greenwald of the Atlantic Council to your attention. It is attached.

Secondly, Zimbabwe has many interesting and innovative programs upon which they are working. I have attached a report *Government of Zimbabwe Priority Programs on Innovation, Science & Technology Development*. I would like to draw your attention to the list of programs starting on page 11, particularly:

8.3 Pharmaceutical Veterinary Medicines and Vaccines Manufacturing Programme

This programme will use cutting-edge research and technologies on indigenous herbs, grasses and tree to answer pharmaceutical challenges in the country. This will involve research on all available plant matter in order to extract chemicals of value to human life and use them as pharmaceutical products. The use of heritage-based technologies will be employed to manufacture quality competitive medicines.

8.5 Value of Indigenous Tree, Herbs and Grasses for Food Processing Programme

This programme will make use of heritage-based research on local trees, herbs and grasses in order to come up with indigenous food products. This will involve research on all available plant matter in order to extract chemicals of value to human life and manufacture food products-

Both of these would certainly be of interest to the Subcommittee for the hearing tomorrow and I would like to request that they be included in the public record.

Finally, I also wanted to flag the recent tweet by President Mnangagwa on the independence of the judiciary. It also is attached.

As always, I am happy to hop on a call if you have any questions

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